SEMINOLE DISTRICT MASTER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1974

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/1	11/8	11/15
ALTAVISTA	Lib. Away	Nels. Home	Rust. Away	Bkv. Home	J.F. Away	W.C. Home	Appo. Away	S.R. Home	Gret. Away	Amher. Home	Open
JEFFERSON-FOREST	Appo. Home	S.R. Away	Gret. Home	Amher Away	Alta. Home	Lib. Away	Nels. Home	Rust. Away	Bkv. Home	Open	W.C. Away
AMHERST	Nels. Away	Rust. Home	Bkv. Away	J.F. Home	W.C. Away	Appo. Home	S.R. Away	Gret. Home	Open	Alta. Away	Lib. Home
BROOKVILLE	S.R. Home	Gret. Away	Amher. Home	Alta. Away	Lib. Home	Nels. Away	Rust. Home	Open	J.F. Away	W.C. Home	Appo. Away
GRETNA	Rust. Away	Bkv. Home	J.F. Away	W.C. Home	Appo. Away	S.R. Home	Open	Amher. Away	Alta. Home	Lib. Away	Nels. Home
RUSTBURG	Gret. Home	Amher. Away	Alta. Home	Lib. Away	Nels. Home	Open	Bkv. Away	J.F. Home	W.C. Away	Appo. Home	S.R. Away
STAUNTON RIVER	Bkv. Away	J.F. Home	W.C. Away	Appo. Home	Open	Gret. Away	Amher. Home	Alta. Away	Lib. Home	Nels. Away	Rust. Home
NELSON COUNTY	Amher. Home	Alta. Away	Lib. Home	Open	Rust. Away	Bkv. Home	J.F. Away	W.C. Home	Appo. Away	S.R. Home	Gret. Away
APPOMATTOX	J.F. Away	W.C. Home	Open	S.R. Away	Gret. Home	Amher. Away	Alta. Home	Lib. Away	Nels. Home	Rust. Away	Bkv. Home
LIBERTY	Alta. Home	Open	Nels. Away	Rust. Home	Bkv. Away	J.F. Home	W.C. Away	Appo. Home	S.R. Away	Gret. Home	Amher. Away
WILLIAM CAMPBELL	Open	Appo. Away	S.R. Home	Gret. Away	Amher. Home	Alta. Away	Lib. Home	Nels. Away	Rust. Home	Bkv. Away	J.F. Home

Western District Showdown Ahea

The Western District Football race could be decided about mid-season, or there could be a showdown during the last two weeks of the season.

Top contenders, defending state champion Patrick Henry and last year's district champion, E. C. Glass meet at Lynchburg's City Stadium in the fourth game of the season and should both schools be undefeated at that time, it is generally considered that the future district champion will emerge victorious.

Halifax County and Pulaski both present stumbling blocks to the two top rated teams. Halifax will have depth and experience as they try to unseat the Hilltoppers and the Patriots from the top rungs.

Pulaski, new to group AAA competition, is somewhat a mystery. The school is now a combination of two Group AA Schools, each of which were 9-1 last season. There are about 30 lettermen battling for position on the Pulaski team, but they still have to jell as a unit if they are going to offer serious competition.

George Washington of Danville may be considered the dark horse of the district. The Eagles lost a lot of starters from last year's squad, but coach Alger Pugh always come up with a tough footba and this year will exception.

Franklin County is little chance of battl leading contenders whi Spring, Northside and Fleming are only given chances of being in cont

Pre-season picks sho Glass at the top of the District with Patrick second, Halifax County, Washington, Pulaski, Fleming, and Cave following in that order.

Northside and Fra County will be relegate bottom of the district th but both teams could noises resembling ch ship crys next season.

Because there are ei teams in the Western all the teams will pl games with outside Patrick Henry and Fleming both have Roanoke Valley mem drew Lewis on their s while Glass will play F County and John F. Ken Richmond.

The Western Distric be more competitive t than in the past. The of the Roanoke Valley will certainly impro balance of the district.

Bees Goal: Another Seminole Title

Defending Seminole District footnball champion Brookville has set a third consecutive title as its goal for the 1974 season.

Coach Jim Whorley remarks, "Of course our goal is to win it all. You have to set your goals high, and work hard to achieve them."

Whorley continues, "Whoever wins the title this year will have earned it. The champion could end up with an 8-2 mark. There is better balance now than in past years, better teams."

The Bees had 83 candidates for the varsity on the first day of practice and will field a team with experience, depth and size.

Offensively Whorley will start John Drinkard and Eddie Maddox at ends, John Hicks and David Rorer at tackles, Ross Schafstall and John Costa at guard and Gary Dering at center.

Barry Maddra will share the quarterbacking chores with sophomore Bob Fisher while George Fowler will be at the flanker and Jimmy Ferguson and Ricky Cash will play running back.

Ferguson, an all-district performer last season is one of the finest runners in the Seminole District and Schafstall has the size, speed and quickness to be an all-state performer.

Tommy Newson will provide reserve help at end with Hugh Parnell and W. C. Butt bolstering the offensive line when needed. Jeff Johnson, Rustburg. That should give all of us some idea of what to expect later in the season."

Whorley concluded, "The title could go to any one of five or six teams, including Brookville, Amherst, Nelson, Rustburg, Liberty and Appomattox

Jim Whorley

another veteran, is the third running back.

Newson and Parnell will man the defensive end slots with Schafstall and Dering at the guard posts in the Bees' split four defensive scheme.

A corps of experienced linebackers will be headed by Ferguson with Steve Harper, Steve Keel and Barry Wood expected to fill the other spots.

Defensive backs will be Cash, Johnson and Ken Bearcroft with Mike Fowler providing relief help.

Maddox will also be used some at linebacker with Butt and Rorer seeing action at guard and end.

"The district race should shape up real quick." Whorley says, "Amherst meets two of the to contenders in the first two games when the Lancers meet Nelson County and are all going to be in the thick of the race."

Other than Rustburg and Nelson, Appomattox gave the Bees the toughest district game last season according to Whorley, and the Brookville mentor thinks they will be improved this season.

Colemore, Davis Will Lead Glass

Gary Colemore and Glen Davis have been elected co-captains of the E. C. Glass Hilltoppers.

Colemore plays tight end and linebacker while Davis is a defensive tackle. Both are seniors.

Mike Quinn, Captain

Appomattox Quarterbacks

Mac Weaver, left, and Mitch Eggleston are expected to see a lot of playing time as quarterbacks of the Appomattox Raiders. Weaver is a junior while Eggleston is sophomore. Eggleston lead junior varsity to undefeated season last season, and considered to be one of the best all-round athletes in the district. Weaver played on varsity last season and has edge in experience over Eggleston. Weaver is a good runner and better than average passer.

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Cavaliers Looking for Better Season

...uld be better this ...ment evoked from ...all coach Glen Styles ...Forest sums up the ...e Cavaliers for the ...mole District grid

...aliers, only in their ...of existence, have an ...y coaching staff, and ...ast time the team has ...experienced football

...erton, junior transfer ...Amherst is expect to ...y squad from his ...ick slot as the ...s will have 14 letter-...ning from last year's ...ch compiled a dismal ...and finished next to ...on in the then 10 team

...man tackle, 6-4, 265 ...Reid Keys could be a ...ss help to the ...r. Styles says the ...r's extremely mobile ...ashman." Keys lacks ...e and the coaching ...is concerned about his ...at the present time.

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...e Callahan is another ...and junior Calvin ...s will probably fill the ...e end positions while ...ll-district defensive ...Reed Hicks may also see ...time on offense.

...ports will probably be ...ly John Mitchell and ...Andrews and junior ...Andews, at 6-2, 190 ...biggest returning ...lineman while Mitch-...ging only 171, is ...ed to small for a tackle ...that is even smaller, ...ke Hicks at 159.

...Austin, a 5-8, 152 ...which may see lots of ...e Styles says, "he is ...enough."

...up from the junior ...quarterback Tim ...ving back Aman ...Wilfhoite Wade Free-...Pallard and guards ...Dunn, T. J. Statton ...Sellers.

...one new comer, tackle ...Eggleston has been ...g in the Cavaliers ...ing staff and Robert ...a transfer from J. J. ...has shown well in early

...s assisted by Nowlin ...Ed. Jeff Schleigher, ...Lowry and Claton ...while Charley Gentry is ...the junior varsity.

...Cavaliers' coaching staff ...these pre-season picks: ...ville 2. Amherst 3. ...g 4. Appomattox 5. ...County 6. Liberty 7. ...River 8. Jefferson ...9. Gretna 10. William ...Hill, Altavista.

...ville is the defending ...champion, and state ...g in Group AA while ...is a new comer to the ...District, having play-...Group AA Western ...the past five years.

...comments on the ...District is, "It could ...of district if Brookville ...ment were out of it." ...refers to the two largest ...in the district. When ...Virginia High School ...consolidated teams prior

Glen Styles

to the start of the 1974-75 school year Amherst was dropped back into Group AA competition and Brookville, who has been qualified for Group AAA competition the past wo years, remained Group AA because of the new system of dropping ninth grade enrollment figures while computing total enrollment for classification purposes.

Our pick for the Cavaliers is ninth in the district ahead of Staunton River and William Campbell.

The strength of Cavaliers is experienced defense and sound quarterbacking while the weakness of Jefferson Forest is lack of size and limited depth.

Donald Smith is the only guard and is considered a good lineman for his size. The center will probably be Donald Crouch and Styles says, "Everybody likes Don. Even the other team."

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Clinics Aid Footballers

Football clinics sponsored by county and city recreation departments has played an important role in the development of area football players the past few years.

Usually conducted the last week of July and the first week of August, the clinics give a conditioning edge to prospective players entering into high school, junior high and little league programs.

Most of the clinics are conducted by high school football coaches who have summer employment with the various recreation departments.

Few of the clinics require any cost to the participant, though some do charge a small registration fee to help defray expenses.

The clinics have proved invaluable to youngsters entering their first year of little league competition. They learn the fundamentals of protecting themselves, how to wear equipment properly and the basic elements both offensive and defensive football.

Older students also have quite a bit to gain from the programs as fundamentals are stressed.

Question At Staunton River As Seminole Season Opens

Staunton River's Golden-Eagles are young and aggressive as they prepare for the 1974 Seminole District football season.

Only six seniors dot the roster of the Eagles and head coach Bill Mabbitt says, "I really don't know how we will be this year."

Owners of a 2-8 record under Mabitt last season, Staunton River should be an improved team this year. The Eagles have good size among their returnees, but a serious lack of depth may hinder their chances of moving up in the Seminole District standings.

Only 25 hopefuls answered the call for varsity football for the Eagles, and with Mabbitt's wish bone offense it is doubtful that Staunton River can compete with the likes of Brookville, Amherst and Liberty.

Among the 11 returning lettermen is 5-11, 230 pound tackle Tim Archer and a pair of 185 pound guards, Mike Smith and Ken Norman. Smith, a senior, will double at linebacker in the 4-4 defense employed by the Eagles.

Center Gary English was a starter last year and at 5-8, 200

Bill Mabbitt

the junior may be one of the heaviest centers in the district.

The backfield shows good size and experience with senior Mike Johnson (6-0, 180), senior Steve Loffon (5-8, 165), junior Ken Grigsby (5-8, 175) and junior quarter back Morgan (5-8, 160) all having lettered last season.

Gary Gibson, a 190 pound senior end is back for his third campaign with the Eagles, a tackle Buddy Mayhew. Bobby Bonds, a 5-6, 170 pound junior guard is the other returning letterman.

Moving up from the junior varsity are a couple of lightweight backs, Paul Davis and Danny Noel. Both tip the scales at 135 while Basel Raise, a guard and Henry Morgan, a 130 pound center also played JV ball last year.

Rickey Martin, a non-lettering returnee, is expected to play defensive back and handle the kicking chores while Scott Wilson will also see action in the defensive backfield.

David Mullins (5-6, 170) could see some action at quarterback while Derwin Preston, a 170 pound defensive end has been impressive in early drills, as has junior guard Rickey St. Clare.

Mabbitt and his assistants, David Higgins, Rick Fine and Roger Harris may have trouble fielding a team by the end of the season if the Eagles should be plagued by injuries.

Concord College graduate, Mabbitt is in his second year as head coach at Staunton River and in his fifth year of coaching overall.

Mabbitt picks Brookville to win the Seminole District title with Amherst, Liberty and Rustburg in the next three slots. He picks Jefferson Forest as fifth with Appomattox sixth, Nelson County seventh, William Campbell sighth, Altavista ninth and Staunton River to finish ahead of Gretna for 10th place.

The Eagles' strength is good front line size and an experienced backfield. The weakness is lack of depth and experience along the line.

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Northwest, Tough Region

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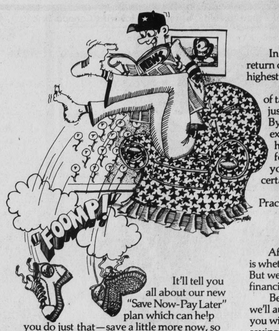

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